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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – \$25 Million in Claims from Jobless Scam Operated Out of California Prison

(U) An unemployment scam operated out of California prisons sought a record \$25 million from the state and US government, netting more than \$5 million in purchases of vehicles, furniture, handbags and jewelry, federal authorities said Friday. The \$25 million is the largest known single intended haul in California. The new indictment charges inmates Daryol Richmond and Telvin Breaux of Los Angeles County, along with six other Southern California residents with conspiracy to commit mail fraud and aggravated identity theft.

SOURCE: 14 February 2022, [Mercury News DOJ](#)

(U) Santa Clara – Blackbyte Ransomware Gang Claims it Hacked San Francisco 49ers

(U) The San Francisco 49ers football team said Sunday a "network security incident" disrupted some of the organization's computer systems. The incident was reportedly limited to the corporate IT network and did not affect computer systems involved in the team's stadium operations or systems related to ticket holders. The hackers behind the ransomware known as BlackByte listed the 49ers on their website of alleged victims, a tactic that cybercriminals often use to pressure organizations into paying a ransom. On 11 February, the FBI and Secret Service issued an advisory to be on the lookout for BlackByte ransomware, which the agencies said had been used to compromise US organizations. The 49ers hired cybersecurity firms to recover from the incident and notified law enforcement officials.

SOURCE: 13 February 2022, [CBS News CNN](#)

(U) Pasadena – Grand Jury Indicts Felon Who Allegedly Fired BB Guns at Planned Parenthood

(U) A federal grand jury returned a five-count indictment charging Richard Royden Chamberlin of San Gabriel Valley for allegedly firing BB guns at the Planned Parenthood facility in Pasadena on multiple occasions in 2020 and 2021 with violating the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. The indictment also charges Chamberlin with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition for carrying a loaded handgun during the final drive-by attack on the Planned Parenthood facility on 7 May 2021. The FBI arrested Chamberlin on 28 January and a search of his two residences yielded thousands of rounds of ammunition.

SOURCE: 11 February 2022, [US DOJ](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – Border Patrol Officers Arrest Mexican National with \$85K Worth of Fentanyl Pills

(U) Tucson – US Customs and Border Protection Officers arrested a Mexican national who was allegedly attempting to smuggle \$85,000 worth of fentanyl pills. The suspect was arrested by agents working the I-19 Checkpoint near the Arizona-Mexico border. Officials said the individual was attempting to smuggle the pills under his clothes while onboard a shuttle that was headed to Tucson, which is roughly 80 miles north of the international border. The case has been turned over to the US Drug Enforcement Administration's office in Phoenix.

SOURCE: 15 February 2022, [New York Post](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – CISA Warns of Potential Russian Cyberattacks Amid Ukraine Tensions

(U) Washington – The US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued a "Shields Up" alert to US organizations to protect against potential retaliatory cyberattacks by Russian cyber actors as White House officials warn that a Russian invasion of Ukraine could be imminent. The agency said it was not responding to any specific threats but acting as a general precaution that conflict with Russia could lead to cyberattacks. Noting the broad vulnerability of many US computer networks to hackers, it warned that "Every organization in the United States is at risk from cyber threats that can disrupt essential services and potentially result in impacts to public safety."

SOURCE: 11 February 2022, [NBC News CISA](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US Judges Faced over 4,500 Threats in 2021 Amid Rising Extremism

(U) Washington – US federal judges were the target of more than 4,500 threats and other inappropriate communications last year, the head of the US Marshals Service reported yesterday, adding to concern about the rise of domestic extremism. Federal law enforcement officials have sounded alarm bells about a growing tide of threats posed by white supremacists and anti-government activist. The threats to judges were varied and, in some cases, came from disgruntled defendants, however, officials warned that the threat risk is "growing exponentially."

SOURCE: 14 February 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) New Mexico – Suspect Arrested After Albuquerque Stabbing Spree Left 11 Wounded

(U) Albuquerque – Law Enforcement responded to seven separate stabbing scenes Sunday that left at least 11 people wounded. Police believe the same suspect was responsible for each attack. " Tobias Gutierrez, 43, was arrested in connection to the stabbings. He is charged with two counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, police said. Police said the stabbings were reported throughout the day, with incidents taking place across Albuquerque, including a homeless encampment, a gas station, and an apartment complex, according to an incident report. No deaths have been reported, but two victims are in critical condition. The Albuquerque Police Department has not identified a motive for the attacks.

SOURCE: 14 February 2022, [KTVZ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – RCMP Arrests 13, Discovers Cache Of Weapons Near Coutts Border Crossing In Alberta

(U) Alberta – Alberta Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) arrested 13 individuals yesterday, described as being part of a criminal organization at an illegal blockade at the Coutts border crossing after learning they had access to a cache of guns, armor, and ammunition. The investigation into the group, which the RCMP said had a willingness to use force against the police if attempts were made to disrupt the blockade, began earlier this week. A search of three trailers associated with the group located 13 long guns, handguns, multiple sets of body armor, a machete, a large quantity of ammunition, and high-capacity magazines. Following the search, they arrested 12 people and seized two more firearms. A 13th person was arrested yesterday afternoon after police say the driver of a semi accelerated toward Mounties, swerving at the last moment into some traffic cones. All 13 individuals remain in police custody.

SOURCE: 14 February 2022, [CNN Calgary Herald](#)

(U) Honduras – US Requests Honduras to Arrest, Extradite Ex-President Hernández

(U) Tegucigalpa – The US formally requested the arrest and extradition of former President Juan Orlando Hernández less than three weeks after he left office, after years of speculation about his alleged links to drug traffickers. Honduran security forces surrounded Hernández's neighborhood yesterday and the Supreme Court of Justice scheduled an urgent meeting today to select a judge to handle the extradition request. A standoff ensued. The specific charges Hernández faces were not released, but federal prosecutors in New York had previously named him a co-conspirator in a drug trafficking case, alleging that his political rise was fueled with drug profits.

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